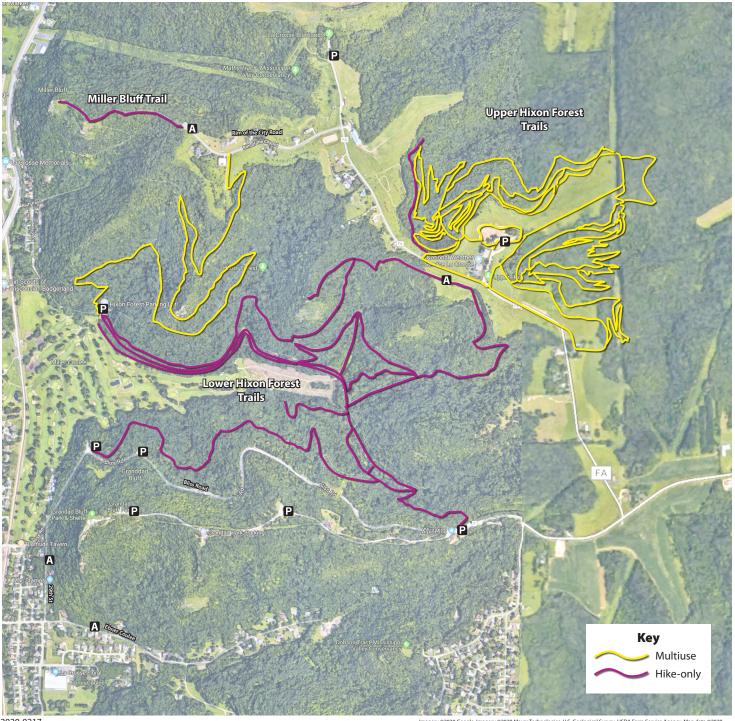
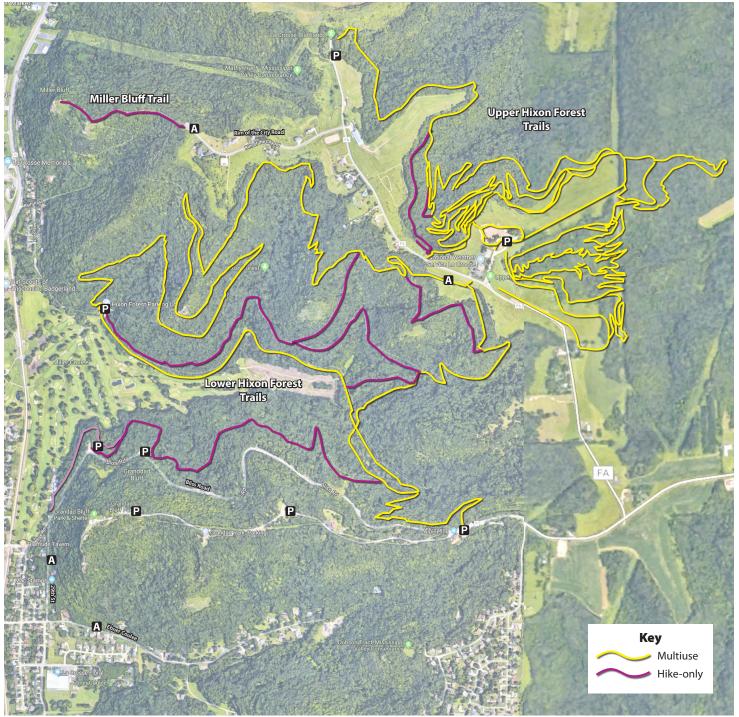
# Analysis of Upper and Lower Hixon Forest Trail 2015–2019 and Proposed Trails to Be Built 2020+

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# 2015 Upper and Lower Hixon **Forest**

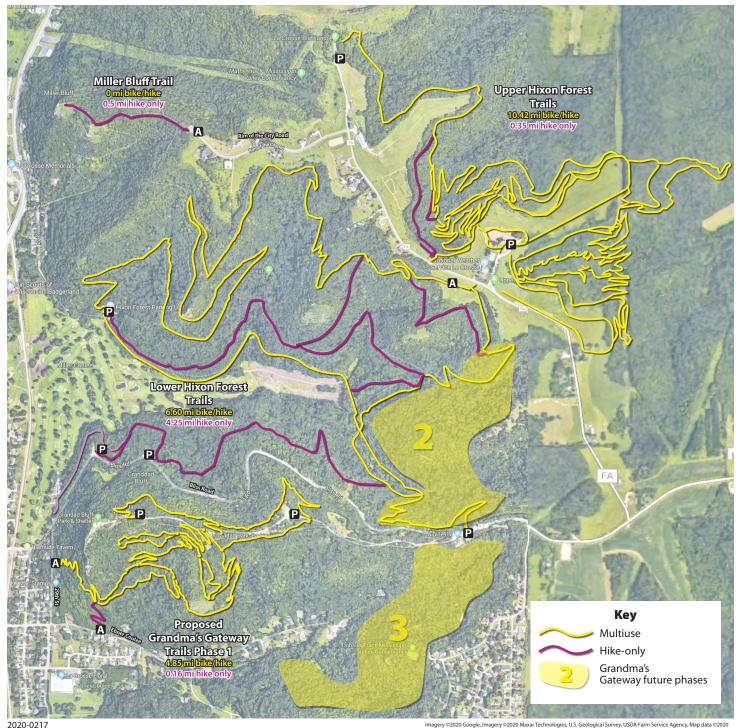


# 2019 Upper and Lower Hixon Forest



# 2020+ Hixon **Forest Trails**

Including proposed Grandma's **Gateway Trails** 



# **HIXON FOREST TRAIL MILES 2019**

(before Grandma's Gateway Phase 1) (All distances are one-way.)

**TOTAL MILES—22.12** 

HIKE ONLY	MILES	MULTIUSE	MILES
Lower Hixon*			
Birch •	.45	Bicentennial ●■◆	1.80
Hickory ●■	1.50	Vista ■◆	3.60
Savanna	.30	Log Loop	.55
Oak <	2.00	Aspen	.65
<b>Total Hike-Only</b>	4.25	Total Multiuse	6.60
Upper Hixon			
Boulder	.35	Moonshine	.13
		Hill Pig ♦	.15
		Vader* ◆◆	.25
		Still Hill	.32
		JEDi* ■	.42
		Nerfherder*	.50
		boB ♦	.60
		Mr. Hyde	.60
		Stinkys	.75
		Chicanery •	1.00
		OB1	1.00
		Quarry	1.00
		Prairie Loop	1.70
		Twister	2.00
Total Hike-Only	.35	Total Multiuse	10.42
Miller Bluff			
Miller Bluff •	.50	_	.00
Total Hike-Only	.50	Total Multiuse	.00
HIXON TOTAL HIKE-ONLY	5.1	HIXON TOTAL MULTIUSE	17.02***

# **OTHER BLUFFLAND TRAIL MILES 2019**

(All distances are one-way.) **TOTAL MILES—7.55** 

	HIKE ONLY	MILES	HIKE/BIKE	MILES
M	Mathy Quarry South (CTH-FA)			
	Main loop hiking-only portion	1.00	Parking lot north to private property	1.8
	East trail	1.00		
	Fitzpatrick trail	1.00		
	Total Hike-Only	3.00	Total Multiuse	1.8
M	athy Quarry Nor	th (CTH-	·B)	
	_	.00	CTH-B access trl	.90
	<b>Total Hike-Only</b>	.00	Total Multiuse	.90
Н	ass			
	Hass Trail	1.35	_	.00
	<b>Total Hike-Only</b>	1.35	Total Multiuse	.00
Crown Boulevard				
	Crown Boulevard Trail	.50	_	.00
	<b>Total Hike-Only</b>	.50	Total Multiuse	.00
	BLUFFLANDS TOTAL HIKE-ONLY	4.85	BLUFFLANDS TOTAL MULTIUSE	2.7

# Trail difficulty levels (International Mountain Biking Association) Levels are based on trail width, trail surface, average grade, maximum

Levels are based on trail width, trail surface, average grade, maximum grade, and presence of obstacles. Some hike-only trails are not rated.

Easy
 Intermediate
 Difficult
 ♦ Ext. Difficult

# **GRANDMA'S GATEWAY TRAIL MILES**

(proposed Phase 1 minus trail 1b)
(All distances are one-way.)
TOTAL MILES—5.01

	HIKE ONLY	MILES	HIKE/BIKE	MILES	
G	Grandma's Gateway Phase 1 (not inc 1b)				
	1b	.16	1a <b>•</b>	.25	
			2b <b></b>	.37	
			2b1 ◆	.60	
			GG2-3con	.04	
			3a •	.47	
			3b •	.30	
			3c <b>■</b>	.58	
			4a •	.27	
			4b •	.13	
			4c •	.45	
			4b2 <b>♦</b>	.15	
			5a <b>♦</b>	.19	
			6	.27	
			7	.62	
	Total Hike-Only	.16	Total Multiuse	4.85	

- \* Note: In 2015, all of the trails in Lower Hixon were hike-only except the Vista Trail, which was new. At first bikes were only allowed to go uphill on the Vista Trail. Before too long they were also allowed to go down.
- \*\* Note: The total number of miles hikers can currently use in the blufflands (hike-only plus multiuse) is 29.67. However, many of the multiuse miles aren't suitable for sharing with mountain bikers because they are too steep or narrow. (See difficulty ratings on some trails. The ones rated difficult or intermediate may be uncomfortable for sharing.)
- \*\*\* Note: Vader, JEDi, and Nerfherder are shown as multiuse on the trail map, but are identified as bike trails on the trail signs, which note "Technical features & drops. Hike with caution."

# **HIXON FOREST TRAILS MILES 2020+**

(after Grandma's Gateway Phase 1)

**TOTAL MILES—27.13** 

TOTAL HIXON FOREST HIKE-ONLY
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### **ALL LA CROSSE BLUFFLAND MILES 2019**

(before Grandma's Gateway Phase 1)

**TOTAL MILES—29.67** 

TOTAL HIXON		TOTAL HIXON	
AND OTHER		AND OTHER	19.72
BLUFFLANDS		BLUFFLANDS	19.72
HIKE-ONLY		MULTIUSE	

# **ALL LA CROSSE BLUFFLAND MILES 2020+**

(after Grandma's Gateway Phase 1)

TOTAL MILES—34.63

TOTAL HIXON	10.11	TOTAL HIXON	
AND OTHER		AND OTHER	24.52
BLUFFLANDS		BLUFFLANDS	24.52
HIKE-ONLY		MULTIUSE	